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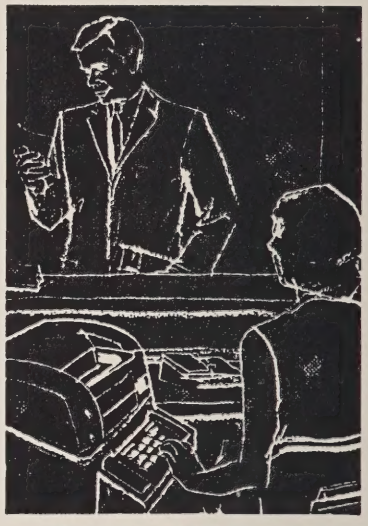

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R. L. Pugh, 33°

By the time this issue of the BAGPIPE reaches you the Easter observances will have been concluded with Maundy Thursday Services and Easter morning Services held not only in New Bern but in Elizabeth City as well. For two or three years now the Brethren in the Elizabeth City area, realizing that the distance to New Bern is almost prohibitive for attendance at these services, have observed the two ceremonies of extinguishing and relighting the lights in their Masonic Temple. Attendance there has been good according to reports and the Elizabeth City leadership is to be congratulated on the manner in which they have assumed this responsibility.

Our forthcoming Reunion; "Operation: "Let's Go!" is now upon us. We will have the business meeting on Monday evening, April 10th, and then on the following morning we will begin registration of candidates for the Reunion. The Reunion of course will continue through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, culminating with the class banquet and program on Thursday evening. Interest thus far has been very good, petitions have been coming in fairly regularly, but they have not reached the number that we need by any means. It is necessary that our Brethren make contact with their prospects as quickly as possible and get their petitions to the New Bern office. Be sure to place emphasis on the "Wives of the Candidates Program" as you approach the prospects. This program has been growing in popularity and there are many wives who are anxious to testify to its attractive features.

On Tuesday evening of the Reunion we, once again, will honor one of our distinguished Brethren who has been a member for fifty years, Brother Marcus Block. Our Inspector General, Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, will also be with us and will speak to the Brethren at that dinner hour.

On Wednesday evening we will honor one of our most beloved members, Brother Benjamin F. Gillikin, 33°, who has long been one of our most active, interested and influential members. Brother Gillikin was selected by the Scottish Rite Bodies as being the one outstanding individual upon whom our praise should be heaped at this time in appreciation of the loyal, faithful service he has rendered.

The Thursday evening dinner hour will of course honor the candidates and they will present their program at that time.

Last Fall we concluded a very successful Reunion with 144 candidates. Surely we expect to do better than that this time, but the result will depend upon how diligently our members work between now and the Reunion to contact their prospects. We have sufficient faith in our loyal, active workers to believe that they are going to make this Reunion a most creditable one.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

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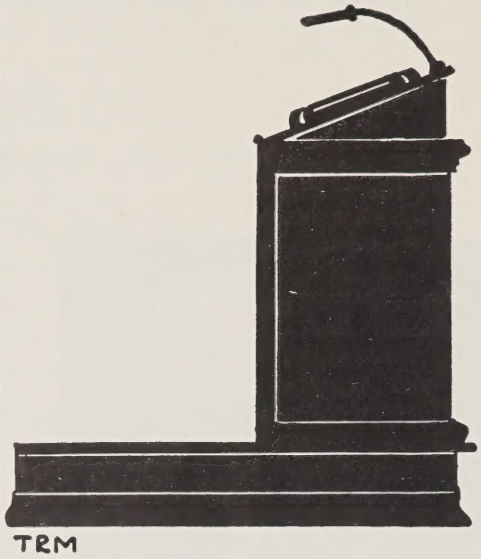

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY?

Sometimes it is difficult to define something in terms of itself. However, there are a few observations I have made concerning Scottish Rite Masonry down through the years that seem to set it apart from all other Movements.

Outside of the Home, a Mother's love, and our Church, there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of our Movement. Surely, there is no Movement in which so much good can be accomplished by an individual. Gentle, gracious and wise its greatest mission is to form mankind into a great Brotherhood — a league of Noble and Free Men joined together in the cause of working out the Salvation of the human race. With touching scenes, pictures and words it appeals to the basic intellect of man to be tolerant and forgiving; surely, this is the road to Peace and Neighborliness. Scottish Masonry also appeals to the intellect by reaching out for our faith to enlist it in a yearning for liberty and freedom. Scottish Masonry helps us to think, to see the more hopeful side of life. Its appeal is more eloquent than all others to the heart and soul of a man, out of which come the issues of life.

Scottish Masonry is friendship on the top bracket. The happiest moments of my life have been spent in the fellowship of our Brethren with the exception of my own family and those with whom I work in my chosen vocation of public education. Our Movement teaches us to be friends with all men, no matter how they may differ from the rest of us in nationality or creed. My friends, there is nothing that can bring us closer to the Creator Himself than to be with His Disciples here on earth. One can find in Scottish Masonry an abundance of these stalwart men. Is there anything better than this, that the best of men can hope to do? Is it not worth the time, the care and labor that we use to make this ideal one of our main objectives in life?

Scottish Masonry is not a mere sentiment of one's sympathy; its roots are grounded in a Philosophy that exalts the very highest in Liberty, Tolerance, Patriotism, Loyalty and Religion. It surely stems from the oldest and most widely spread Movement known to man, other than the beliefs of the Master Himself.

Scottish Masonry gives the inquiring seeker after Lights, the Lights for which he has been seeking. We meet at its altar as man to man on the same degree of equality without fear, without pretense and without reproach. It is not a playground but rather it is a thinking ground where you come to grips with yourself; where you ask yourself some soul searching questions such as, "Why am I here?", Where am I going?" and "How shall I conduct myself while here?" — we need to think on these things, My Brethren.

Its simple faith is dedicated to the highest of moral ideals. We need to subdue the evil that would rise within us and to let the purposes for which we were created shine before men. Surely, there must be a purpose for our existence. We were not supposed to simply exist as a burden on society and then pass on into oblivion. It has been said that, "A gentleman is a man who puts more into life than he takes out of it." Thus, we can all be gentlemen.

I cannot adequately define Scottish Masonry even after 25 years of active service in it, but I can say this; it is livable, it is lovable, and it is constantly looking towards the Divine Creator towards which all of us are steadily moving. "I can recommend it to all without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind." I know, too, that when Scottish Masonry shall have sway over the actions of men, our Society will be a vast communion of friendly fellowship; business will be like a system of service; the home will be more holy than ever before; injustice, intolerance, bigotry and vice will no longer defile and defame humanity; every tyranny will fail; every bastile will crumble into dust; and man will be unfettered in mind and soul to walk in the light which forever will illuminate our pathway.

This, my Brethren, is Scottish Masonry anl this is why I endorse it to you. You cannot find the climax in the first three degrees. It is inconceivable that all of Masonry could be pressed into three separate lessons, as beautiful as they are. Yes, *there must be more, and I find it a* privilege and a pleasure to point the way to Scottish Masonry.

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Three days of moral and spiritual enightenment. On this occasion we are honoring one of our most outstanding and beloved members, Brother Benjamin F. Gillikin, 33°, whose wisdom, judgment and calmness in deliberation have long marked him as one of our most valuable members. It is doubtful that any man has meant more to the steady and substantial progress of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern than has this beloved brother. Brother Gillikin has been a member of Doric Lodge No. 568 for many years and after distinguished service in the Scottish Rite he was invested with the decoration of K.C.C.H. and in October 1951 the Supreme Council conferred its highest honor upon him when he was elected to receive the rank and dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary, or as it is more commony known, the Thirty-Third degree. On Wednesday evening at the dinner hour in the C. A. Seifert Dining Hall at 6:30 o'clock Brother Gillikin will be signally honored.

In addition, the Scottish Rite Bodies in our Valley on Tuesday evening will award the Fifty-year cap to Brother Marcus Block.

One of the outstanding features of the Reunion will be a visit from our beloved and distinguished Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina, Ill. Brother James G. Johnston, 33° of Charlotte.

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Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

If it hasn't already happened to you, it will soon. Uncle Sam will be tapping you on the shoulder and ramming his hand into your pocket. You might not like the idea a great deal. Who does? But, if we consider the matter carefully we will probably realize that in paying those unwanted taxes, we are accepting some of the responsibilities that go along with the many privileges granted us by living in the U.S.A.

Will Rogers had a great deal to say on the subject of taxes. Some of it was in jest and some of it made downright good sense. Here are some excerpts from his writings — just as he wrote them.

"It's a great country but you can't live in it for nothing."

* * * * *

"Congress knocked the rich in the creek with a raise in the income tax, then somebody must have told 'em: "Yes, Congress, you got 'em while they are living. But what if they die on you to keep from paying it?' Congress says, 'Well, never thought of that so we will frame one that will get 'em alive or living, dead or deceased.' Now they got such a high inheritance tax on 'em that you won't catch these old rich boys dying promiscuously like they did. This bill makes patriots out of everybody. You sure do die for your country if you die from now on."

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"People don't mind spending their money if they know it isn't going for taxes."

"But in all it's a great country. It's the best and the worst one I ever lived in, and I've been living in countries for 54 years next November fourth."

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(Editor's note: The rest was said by anybody the bag and I thought was worth quoting.)

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A great leader never sets himself above his followers except in carrying responsibility.

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When it's time to face the music, it helps to have a song in your heart.

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Dieting breaks the pound barrier and doesn't let things go to waist.

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A shipwrecked sailor, who had spent three years on a deserted island, was overjoyed one day to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. A small boat came ashore and an officer handed the sailor a batch of newspapers.

"The captain suggests," he told the marooned sailor, "that you read what's going on in the world — and then let us know if you still want to be reached."

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What did the picture say to the wall?

"First they framed me. Now they hang me."

Work spares us from three great evils: Boredom, vice, and need.

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The reasons some husbands are overweight is that they only get to open their mouth when they're eating. (This one might cost me) Editor's note No. 2

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City Lady: Have you ever had any accidents?

Cowboy: No ma'am, but a horse once kicked me and a rattlesnake bit me.

City Lady: Good heavens! Don't you call those accidents?

Cowboy: No ma'am. Those critters done that on purpose.

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Psychologists say it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be in the middle, taxing to be the eldest. (There's that word again).

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Obviously, the only way out of all this misery is to be born an adult.

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Now, Brethren, get your affairs in line for "Operation: Let's Go!"

In the meantime you might give a little thought to this one.

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Your piper,
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MASONRY SUFFERS A GREAT LOSS

WILLIAM EDWARD BURRIER, 33°, P.G.M.

One of the most dynamic leaders with which North Carolina Masonry has ever been blessed passed away during the last hour of the last day of January 1972 at the age of 66, Past Grand Master William Edward Burrier, 33°, of Charlotte, N. C. Brother Burrier was Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in 1963 and he also served as Potentate of Oasis Temple in 1970. For a number of years he had been serving as the very active, energetic and enthusiastic Secretary of the Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies. In fact, he became Secretary in May 1961.

Let us in this account of Ed Burrier's death quote from the article appearing in the February 1972 issue of the N. C. Mason:

"Our late Past Grand Master is survived by his widow, the former Helen White of Baltimore; two daughters, Judith Ann and Joyce Lee (Mrs. David Riffe); and two grandchildren.

Grand Master William W. Mims, Jr. opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge at 12:30 P.M. Thursday, February 3, in Charlotte's Masonic Temple for the purpose of conducting Masonic Burial Rites for Brother Burrier. Religious services were held at Myers Park United Methodist Church at 2 P.M., followed by Masonic Rites and interment at Sharon Memorial Park. Reverend Robert L. Pugh, Past Grand Master, conducted the Masonic services and assisted in the church services.

William Edward Burrier was born August 12, 1905 in Baltimore, Maryland and received his education in the Balitmore City Schools, Baltimore City College and John Hopkins University. He was employed by New Amsterdam-United States Casualty Insurance Company and served that firm in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York prior to his assignment to Charlotte in 1938. He served in Charlotte until he resigned in 1961 to assume the Scottish Rite secretaryship.

Past Grand Master Burrier became a Master Mason in Magnolia Lodge No. 20 in Columbus, Ohio and also began his York Rite work in that city. He received his Scottish Rite degrees and became a Shriner in Washington, D. C. in 1937. In Charlotte he affiliated with Phalanx Lodge No. 31 in 1942, serving as Master in 1951. He served as presiding officer of each York Rite Body and each Scottish Rite Body in Charlotte and was awarded the KYCH in York Rite and the 33° in Scottish Rite. He held Life Membership in Oasis Temple and honorary memberships in many Masonic organizations.

First appointed to the Grand Lodge line in 1958 by then Grand Master James G. Johnston, Brother Burrier was installed as our Grand Master on April 17, 1963. On that occasion he was presented a certificate of honorary membership in his mother lodge, Magnolia No. 20 in Columbus, Ohio, by the Master of that lodge, Bill Stout, who had journeyed to Asheville for that purpose. Also, the Grand Secretary of Ohio, Past Grand Master Andrew J. White, Jr., presented Brother Burrier a certificate of appreciation for distinguished Masonic service from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

From these siginificant beginnings W. Edward Burrier went on to become one of North Carolina's most effective and best-loved Grand Masters. He was energetic, articulate, competent, and thoroughly devoted to Masonry and his brothers. It was he, as Grand Master, who first appointed our present Grand Master William W. Mims, Jr., to the Grand Lodge line.

Ed Burrier's Masonic labors did not cease with the expiration of his term as Grand Master. He has since served Masonry well in many capacities and at the time of his death was serving our Grand Lodge as a member of the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Directors of Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*. Further, he was serving as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and as a member of the Committee on Finance, having chaired the latter committee for a number of years. He was in constant demand as a speaker, as an installing officer, and as an honored guest at many Masonic functions. He went the last mile. All Masonry will miss Ed Burrier.

Mrs. Burrier's address for mail is: 2733 Picardy Place, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209."

The *Bagpipe*, representing 5,300 Thirty-Second degree Masons with their membership in the Valley of New Bern, joins the countless hundreds of other Masons in North Carolina in expressing its deep regret and genuine sorrow over the passing of such a beloved Masonic stalwart. Ed Burrier was truly a great Mason and his wholesome influence will last as long as men will continue to reflect upon worthy accomplishments of Masonry's devoted servants.

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

I frequently read and hear well-deserved praise of the human body; how it is so marvelously engineered and in such perfect chemical balance. So far as I know each function (now known to science) of the human body has at one time or another been minutely described and exhaustively wondered at — all but one, that is. The slighted function, the function you never hear bragged about, is the natural adaptability of the human tongue to the art of lying.

Of course, the tongue is not the only human equipment employed by man to create a false appearance. He averts his eyes in an attempt to make his wife think he didn't really notice that miniskirt go by, and he shuts them to feign sleep when he thinks she might have a distasteful chore for him. He nods his head affirmatively when he really is thinking in the negative. He uses his hands to hide something he has and thus create the appearance that he has it not. Man lies with his feet, with his tone of voice, and he lies with sundry other items of his natural equipment; but he regularly and most frequently consigns his heavy duty lying to his tongue.

The tongue, like all other human equipment, performs its assigned tasks effortlessly and apparently indifferently. I've tried watching a tongue as it went about its usual business and I defy any expert to detect any distinction it makes between the truth and the lie. The eye may become shifty and the skin may redden as accompaniments to lying, but the tongue is perfectly inscrutable.

I stood before the mirror one morning and said, "The sun just came up." At sunset that evening I went before the mirror and made the same statement. The first time I was telling the truth and the second time I lied, but I couldn't tell the difference by watching my tongue.

Now you may say that the tongue lies only to the extent its user directs it to, but that's wrong. The tongue is such a natural liar that it will readily lie to the owner and user thereof.

Once I had a cavity in a jaw tooth. My tongue told me the cavity was there, and it was telling the truth. My tongue also told me the cavity was about the size of a BB shot, and it was lying. The mirror and a toothpick examined the cavity and agreed it was not half so large as a BB shot.

Not really much concerned with these conflicting reports, I took the cavity to my dentist and asked him to fill 'er up. He was most obliging in this matter and set in to drilling like maybe he was afraid he wouldn't get another opportunity right soon. He'd drill for what seemed like the best part of an hour, then he'd change bits and take a fresh start.

When he finally put the drill away the old tongue came sneaking over from where it had been hiding on the other side of my mouth and made a thorough exploration of the work side. 'Old man," my tongue said, "you've got a hole in here about the size of a prime shooting marble and that dentist don't have enough gunk in his whole office to fill it."

Well, to give my tongue credit, the dentist had done a powerful lot of drilling in there, and the tongue had run its tip all round the edges of the crater and had plumbed its depths; it was sending me such a convincing message that I just about believed the hole really was marble size. But when the dentist turned his back I picked up his little mirror and sneaked a quick look. Sure enough, my tongue had been lying again. The hole was still under BB shot size.

It just doesn't pay to give a whole lot of credence to every message your tongue sends you. The next time your tongue tells you there's a ham hock wedged between your teeth don't go rushing to borrow a meat cleaver — check the mirror. Chances are an ordinary toothpick will do the job.

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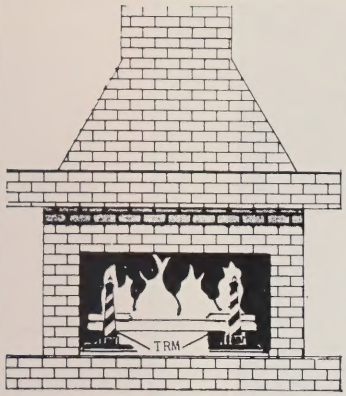

HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°

It's almost vacation time again, and the key problem confronting us (outside of money) is should we take "all three weeks at one time" or stagger them out over the next few months?

Due to an unpleasant experience some years ago, we are prone to reject the staggered system. It dates back to the time we relieved the state editor in Raleigh when he took single weeks in June, July and August.

Our working day usually begins about 8:30 a.m. and ends when we finish dictating copy over the telephone anywhere between 5 and 6:30 p.m. When the body becomes used to these hours it's not too easy to take the desk of a guy who comes to work at 2:30 p.m. and knocks off between 11:30 p.m. and midnight.

True, it was *cheaper* for us to stay in Raleigh than it is at home. The company picked up the tab on the motel and meals. It couldn't do anything about "adjusting" normal body conditions to the new schedule — or keep chamber maids from knocking on the door at horrible hours to clean the room.

At the end of the week we returned home and again had to get the body "adjusted" to the usual routine. We were happy to see the end of the state editor's third vacation week. Which accounts for our mistrust of the staggered vacation system.

Back in February, accompanied by the wife and her married cousins, we hit Carolina Beach on Friday with plans to return on Monday morning. It was a memorable weekend.

The oceanfront cottage was all that could be desired — at least for the summer months. Unfortunately, the temperature dropped and kept dropping.

The floor furnace, which had been on all day, provided ample heat in the immediate area of the lone floor duct. Five feet away you needed a sweater. Despite this hardship we survived Friday night.

Saturday morning there was a beautiful view of the ocean. The panorama was somewhat marred when snowflakes started descending. True, the snow didn't stick, but the cold weather did. And like the Arabs of old, on Sunday we folded our tents and silently went away.

On reflection, three weeks in the North Carolina mountains does appear to be the ideal place for our favorite vacation. Two weeks one month, and the other in October when the trees "change colors" . . . truly an example of the Great Architect's work.

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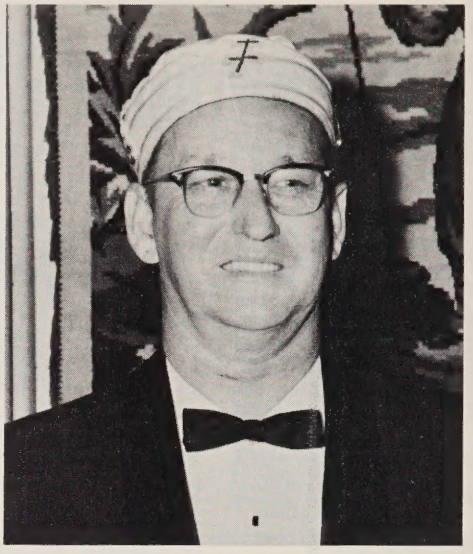

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 11, 1972

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by M. D. Ophille, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Lewis, Pete McSorley and Tom Cathey.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Jack Edwards, C. W. Guptill, J. G. McDaniel, Dewey Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, H. L. Lundy, J. E. Blaylock, Andrew Murphy, Pete McSorley, Bill Stovall, W. E. Gardner and T. H. Miller.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. W. J. Rogers, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, Paul Jewett and Leslie H. Garner.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, B. L. Parker, M. D. Opphille, R. L. Pugh and Bill Stovall.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Odell Merrill and W. J. Ipock, Jr.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by James B. Davis, L. Guy Matthis, M. D. Opphile, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, J. G. McDaniel, Elijah Cannon, Paul Vogan and Pete McSorley.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. C. W. Guptill, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly and Garland E. Taylor.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, William C. Kellum and Marshal Harvey.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett, E. P. Blair and Johnny West.

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6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, Nelson Banks, Wm. R. Waters, C. W. Guptil, James E. Blaylock, W. E. Gardner, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant and Jack Edwards.

Wednesday, April 12, 1972

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. G. C. Langston, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Leggett, Chas. T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhodes, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree and Charles A. Litchfield.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Harry L. Mann, Raymond Leggett, Harold Sawyer, Edward Ray Edwards and S. Jack Tripp.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. William C. Hammond, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by D. L. McRainey, R. V. McBryde, Alex Arab, William P. Jackson, Norris M. Vallandingham, Warren H. Coolidge, Clifford C. Duell and R. Hoyt Randall.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, R. L. Pugh, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey and Oscar Aldridge.

22°—
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Communicated.
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25°—

5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell and Frank A. Smith.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. "Ben F. Gillikin Night"

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, O. J. Aldridge, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, W. H. Scott, Bill Stovall and Bill Blair.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Cosby S. Jones, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, Irvin Weatherly, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs and Wilton Walker, Jr.

Thursday, April 13, 1972

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: Clifton Matthews, 32°, Master. Assisted by Cecil T. Boyette and Mark Ellis.
3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.
4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony and Herman L. Barnes.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey, Warren H. Coolidge, W. C. Hammond, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson and Neil Vester.

3:45 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, R. L. Pugh, R. D. Shinkle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carol Mercer, Wiley Hill, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall and C. W. Guptil.

5:45 P.M. —Class Banquet closing Reunion.

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JOY THROUGH A CROSS

"Why don't you wake up! God is a figment of the imagination. Afraid of the vast mystery of life and daunted by its hazards, you invent a God to comfort you." Unfortunately, there is just enough truth in that taunt to make it uncomfortable today! It is true that people have often fallen into the error of making a god in their own image.

Need I illustrate? A man is looked upon as somewhat strange today when he tells his friend that he is unable to do a certain thing because he has committed himself to noble living. Another individual feels that his friend is somewhat of a "screw-ball" when he is told that his friend cannot continue his memmership in some social club because he has committed that money to a cause that will help humanity. In other words, the God these people tacitly acknowledge is a God who demands no discipline of mind and spirit, and who is quite tolerant toward self-indulgence. They, indeed, make God their own image.

We do not need in our thinking, to differentiate between the religion of a person on one hand and what people make of religion on the other; but it is a fact that moral dogma exists for the purpose not of making God in the image of man; but of making man to see how far short he has come from the image of God. One of the great works of Scottish Masonry is to lead men to grow into the likeness of God. Nowhere is the otherness of God more startingly presented than in the words of the Man on the Cross. On Maundy Thursday we are made to remember His saying: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Behind this great principle of our Masonic teachings lies the whole necessity of the Cross: the fact of the sins of mankind, and God's way of presenting that vision.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

The Cross tells us, in dreadful terms, the fact of human sin. Here is something that is hard for us to accept since the acceptance runs contrary to our natural inclinations. We ask "In what way are we sinful? We are decent people whose only desire is to be left alone with harmless amusements and pleasures." Even today, after centuries of war, suffering, and error, people still look at the doctrine of sin with contempt! We had rather hear the Man of Nazareth speak of the beauty of the lilies than to hear Him speak in condemnation of self-righteousness and complacency! Man can only reap what he sows. No man can disassociate himself from the sins of the world. That is what He tried to tell.

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12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
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6:30 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple
7:30 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune
1:00 P.M. Lunch—Jacksonville, N. C.
3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its formal 18th Century Gardens
12:00 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple
2:30 P.M. Tour of New Bern's famous 67 points of historic interest
5:45 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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is not a hypothetical event! It is the picture of the sins and errors of all time. Calvary is seen for the dreadful thing that it is in that it crucifies even the love of God.

No person knew better than the Man on the Cross the shrinkings which His teachings about self-denial would create in the hearts of men. Somehow, we Masons and men must rescue the concept of self-denial in order to be faithful to our obligations and privileges. Speak for the ordinary man about sacrifice for a principle and he will look at you in amazement! Some people give just enough of themselves to make themselves miserable! They never get to the point of real joy in service. That God is love no man who has squarely looked at the Cross can deny. His whole nature is seen as one complete self-outpouring. When we think of His suffering at the hand of humanity which he created, we are staggered! The sacrifice seen on Maundy Thursday, awakens in the heart of a true Mason the deepest adoration. Truly, in following the example of this good man, a new era can come to our civilization.

We are taught that it is possible, and needful, for a man to ask nothing for himself, but the sheer joy of sharing, and if needs be, suffering for the great causes of humanity. Let that spirit die and the world may well be doomed! Let it live and grow, and the world shall yet rise from the ashes of the dead past into the very glory of God. Because we need to hear that message again and again, so we come to our Maundy Thursday meetings. We come because we need to be reminded again and again until these lives of ours find their completest joy in such service as is evidenced by the Man on the Cross. He came but for to bring help, good, and peace. We need to get off our soft chairs of complacency amidst need and enter the narrow road of abundant living. We need to leave off our crutches which we have used as excuses for not recognizing the needs of our generation and get on the Cross of self-denial and daring faith. No man can truly live unless he has assumed the posture of the Cross. He taught us that "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross." Even now the cry is not primarily for the multitudes; but to the individuals which make up the multitudes. It may sound very strange, but true, that one never finds real joy in life until one has denied himself and assumed the posture of a suffering servant. This is the message which our beloved Rite has for us during this season. He who was stretched betwixt the earth and the sky on a Cross says to us today "Go thou and do likewise as you behold the needs of a struggling and benighted world. Go thou and find joy unspeakable through a service to mankind which will command and get your all. Find the joy of the Cross."

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Colorful Affair-Ladies' Night Banquet At Williamston

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, principal speaker for the Williamston Party.

Our Secretary, Bob Pugh, entertains the members and guests!

Brother J. L. Williams, President of the Martin County Scottish Rite Club is Toastmaster for the festive occasion.

Centennial celebrants from Robersonville add much color to the Williamston Party.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night March 6, 1972, at "Tetterton's Restaurant", with good attendance and a delicious dinner.

Good reports were made concerning prospective candidates, but the vital part of getting a signature has not occurred yet. However each one should double his efforts to help make our Spring Reunion a successful one.

People today blunder about in chaos.

TV salesmen dogmatically contradict one another. Rival idealogies scream for attention. Parties and Isms bid plausibly for members. Details to correct details demand still more details. Sign posts are twisted. The road through this chaos to order can be found — but you need a map.

Masonry offers a map with three fixed points.

First: Knowledge about the natural world. We get this knowledge from observation, experiment, experience and correlation. Using this knowledge we build roads, automobiles, airplanes, and skyscrapers. Through it we heal diseases, save labor, and improve our foods. We call this knowledge science.

Second: the knowledge of the human race — its history, nature and capacity — gives us the means of constructing our government, our cultural life, our social order as a whole. By this means we possess freedom and responsibility and peace among men. The liberal arts, the fine arts, and the humanities enable us to build civilization. This knowledge may be called wisdom.

Third: the knowledge we possess of God and of His spiritual Kingdom enables each person to relate himself properly to the two preceding points.

This is the area of Religion, of purpose, of morality and of goodness. It is the field we call revelation. The Bible is the medium of its communication. This Knowledge we call faith.

Masonry treats each of these areas of learning as essential to the educated man. Each member draws from each field that data relevant to his particular need.

Together these three points — science, wisdom, and revelation — establish the road of understanding through chaos and beyond it to order.

"The measure of the state of our great and time - honored Fraternity is its influence upon the lives of those who have taken its sacred obligations at our altars. But it must go further than the single life; it must be as a plumb line which stretches from time to eternity; a guide to a higher life and a higher calling. So, also, must we measure the state of our Fraternity by the influence of its philosophy, its teachings of honor, reverence, and a recognition of its spiritual values on the life of the communities in which our lodges are situated. Freemasonry cannot and must not be confined within the tiled doors of the lodge. To do so would be to destroy it finally and utterly. We must give to our brethren and to ourselves that something which can be carried out into the world to be used in the uplift of man and the building of a better tomorrow for those who are coming after us. "Scottish Rite Masonry offers all this and more, to every Master Mason, who will accept and use this opportunity.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Sec.

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday March 5th at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. This was another charcoal cookout with each member bringing his own meat. Herman Jones with Robert Mohler and their wives prepared accessories for the meal.

Due to the York Rite activities being held in Washington on this date, the meeting was advanced one hour, so supper was served at 5:30.

A delightful fellowship hour was enjoyed by some forty or more members and their wives.

President Jack Tripp presided over the business meeting of the men. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

President Tripp announced that he had invited six prospective members to attend our next meeting which will be held on Sunday evening April 9th, at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. Our next meeting will be our annual herring fry, with Willie Gray Hodges and Chester Elks preparing the fish assisted by their wives. This is always a delightful occasion and the members are looking forward to having a very good time.

It was decided that from now until further notice, the meeting hour would be changed to 5:30 charcoal time and 6 o'clock eating time, all members please take notice of this change.

Wm. Jones, his wife and daughter Pat were guests of his brother Henry A. Jones.

Several members announced that they expect to have at least one candidate for the Spring Reunion which will be held in New Bern on April 11, 12 and 13.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30.

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Chowan County Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club met on Feb. 18 at the Scottish Rite Club House on Greenville St.

After a wonderful steak dinner with the wives of the members, the meeting was called to order.

Brother White reported his findings on the purchase of a new Club House for the Club. It is hoped that this can be finalized in 1972.

Plans were discussed for Chowan Club to host the Scottish Rite Banquet for the district on March 22, 1972, in preparation for Spring Reunion, April 11, 12 and 13. "So Let's Go!" with "Operation Let's Go!"

Yours in Brotherhood
Beal Williford, President
Don Quinton, Sec.-Treas.

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order on March 6, 1972 in the Franklin Lodge building, with Brother John Bryan, 32°, president presiding.

The President reminded everyone of the upcoming Ladies Night to be held the 18th of March at East Carteret High School.

The members were also reminded of the Reunion to be held in New Bern April 11, 12 and 13 and to continue to work for candidates. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Eighteen members were present.

W. B. Longest, III
Secretary-Treasurer

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Brockway Masonic Hall at 8:30 P.M. 18 members were present. President Chas. Denham called the meeting to order and asked for unfinished or new business. Bro. Glenn Heller reported on the Ladies Night Scottish Rite Dinner to be held at Havelock High School March 23rd, all arrangements have been made. Invitations will be sent to all local Scottish Rite members in this vicinity and to all newly made Master Masons who have not taken the Scottish Rite Degrees.

Reminder of all members to attend Maundy Thursday services March 30th and for Easter services at Scottish Rite Temple Easter morning April 2nd. Join us and share the privileges of Scottish Masonry.

No further business, Benediction by Bro. Jack Deloy.

Respectively submitted,
Mark D. Stamps, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met Monday Feb. 14, 1972 at 7 P.M., with Brother Johnny West, President, presiding.

The Invocation was given by Brother L. T. "Bugs" Barrington.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and the Treasurer's report given.

Brother West expressed his appreciation for the many cards, visits, calls and prayers for him during his recent illness.

The floor was offered to anyone who had anything to offer for the benefit of Scottish Rite Masonry.

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Plans were discussed for a club supper with prospective candidates being invited, Monday evening, April 3rd at 7 o'clock. Brothers L. T. Barrington,, C. H. Dickinson and Frank Noble were appointed to formalize plans and report back at the next meeting Monday, March 13th.

Brother West invited the club members to a rock stew March 11, at 7 o'clock at his home, 3108 Oaks Road. Admittance by 1972 Club dues card. Brother Guy C. Langston of Greenville, N. C. was invited to assist in the preparation of the fish stew.

Brother Bob Pugh presented a list of prospective candidates to be contacted for the coming Spring Reunion, ("Operation: Let's Go") honoring Brother Ben F. Gillikin. With his usual methods of salesmanship on presenting the merits of Scottish Rite Masonry, Brother Pugh urged all members to make immediate contact with prospective candidates to secure petitions as soon as possible.

There were 15 members present and 2 visitors.

Dues were collected from 5 members.

All members were urged to attend our next meeting Monday evening March 13th at 7 o'clock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $59.71.

Edward W. Paul, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

Twenty-two members of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club, a number of prospective candidates and 2 guests met at Brother Johnny West's home Saturday night, for a delicious fish dinner.

The Rock Stew was prepared by Brother West with the assistance of several Brethren.

The Invocation was given by Brother W. L. "Bill" Adams.

After the dinner, Brother Robert L. "Bob" Pugh, our versatile and talented Secretary, presented a very interesting program on the up-coming Spring Reunion, "Operation: Let's Go." The prospective candidates were enlightened during a discussion period.

To each of the brethren who worked so hard to make this dinner possible and such a success, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job not only well done (!), but the best yet.

E. W. Paul, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
J. R. West, President
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Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of the new year, Friday night, February 11 at Respess Bros. Restaurant. After a family style meal of barbeque and chicken, a spirited meeting followed. Though the number of members present was small the enthusiasm made up the difference.

There were a number of provocative subjects discussed. The one that produced the most discussion was proposed by the president. That was one that dealt with increasing interest in the meetings and thereby tending to create better attendance. After a thorough discussion by the members a motion was made and seconded that the Pitt County Club adopt the plan of meeting each month with the exception of June, July and August. This was adopted and the meeting date selected was the fourth Tuesday each month.

The Spring Reunion was discussed and each one of the members was urged to contact all eligible prospects and get them lined up for the reunion to be held in April. The members were requested to invite all prospective candidates to our March meeting as guests of the club. It is hoped that Pitt County will have a good class for this reunion.

This being the time for the election of Officers this was the next order of business. In order for the president to carry out the plan for creating interest in the meetings, a motion was made and seconded that the officers serving for the year 1971 be re-elected for the ensuing year. The motion carried. The following were re-elected: E. D. Hartsell, President; Winton L. Hill, Vice President and Edward D. Austin, Secretary-Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet again in March.

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Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting of the Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club was held Monday evening, January 31, 1972 at the Holiday Inn in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Again, as at the last meeting we had a wonderful turn out with fifty-three brethren and their ladies attending.

After a financial report by the Secretary-Treasurer and a report on the upcoming reunion the Brethren enjoyed a wonderful meal. Following the meal the new Superintendent of Onslow County Schools, Mr. Everett Watts, presented the club with an interesting talk on the new trends of Education. He explained some of the programs which he had the privilege of auditing during his last six months of intern at the State and National Level.

After a few remarks by the Brethren the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,
H. E. McNair, Sr.
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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

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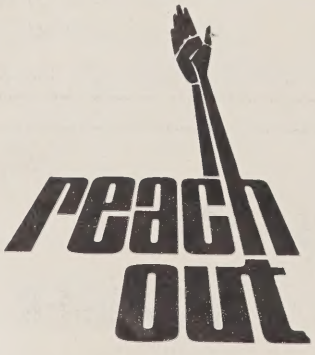

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